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Settlement Reached with J and D Auto Repair

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with J and D Auto Repair (J & D) for hazardous waste violations at its 501 East Heil Avenue facility in El Centro, Imperial County. J & D generates small quantities of used oil and used oil filters from servicing and repairing vehicles.

Under terms of a Consent Order (Order), signed on September 29, 2004, the owner of J & D must attend the California Compliance School (CCS). CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. J & D must submit a certificate of satisfactory completion from CCS to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order, or the penalty of \$1,390 will be due and payable within 30 days of the expiration of the 185 day period.

A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/J-D-Auto/J-D-Auto_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from a violation observed by DTSC inspectors during an inspection at the facility on March 16, 2004. J & D was cited for holding hazardous wastes for more than one year without an authorization from DTSC.

J & D has since corrected the violation found during the inspection.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.